

# Welcome to St. Luke

## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**On Earth as in Heaven 1: Seeing Christ as Heaven Sees Him. - Revelation 1:9-20**

Heaven's perspective begins not with beasts or battles but with the risen Christ standing among His churches. This opening vision anchors the whole series in the truth that Jesus is already present, already reigning, and already holding His people fast.

### INVOCATION

♪ ♪ "Mighty to Save"

### OPENING PRAYER

♪ ♪ "A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing" #493

### THE CALL TO CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the One who walks among His churches calls us into His light. The Holy God who sits upon the throne invites us to draw near. The Lamb who makes all things new welcomes us with mercy. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**All: Holy and gracious God, we confess that our lives do not reflect the worship of heaven. You are radiant in holiness, yet we have turned from Your light. You are worthy of all honour and praise, yet we have given our hearts to lesser things. You dwell with Your people and make all things new, yet we cling to what is broken and resist Your renewing Spirit. Forgive us, Lord. Lift our eyes to Your glory. Renew our hearts by Your grace. Make our lives a witness to Your kingdom, on earth as in heaven.**

Pastor: Hear the good news. The risen Christ, the First and the Last, walks among His people and speaks a word of life. The One seated on the throne declares, "Behold, I am making all things new." In the name of

the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven, and you are made new in Christ. Live now in His light and peace. Amen.

**FIRST READING** Acts 1:12-26 (*Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas*)

<sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. <sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) <sup>16</sup> and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> He was one of our number and shared in our ministry." <sup>18</sup> (With the payment he received for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. <sup>19</sup> Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup> "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms: "'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,' and, "'May another take his place of leadership.'" <sup>21</sup> Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." <sup>23</sup> So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." <sup>26</sup> Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

**RESPONSE** – "Thanks be to God"

## **SECOND READING** Revelation 1:9–20 (*John's Vision of Christ.*)

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." <sup>12</sup> I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. <sup>19</sup> "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. <sup>20</sup> The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

**RESPONSE** – "Thanks be to God"

**ALLELUIA** - Page 156 in the Hymnal (*Please rise if you are able*)

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 17:1-11 (*Jesus Prays to Be Glorified.*)

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus said this he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

<sup>6</sup> “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. <sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

**RESPONSE** – “Praise to you Oh Christ”

**NICENE CREED** *(Back page in the Hymnal)*

♪ ♪ “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” #649

**THE MESSAGE:** “On Earth as in Heaven 1: Seeing Christ as Heaven Sees Him. - Revelation 1:9–20 *Pastor James Paulgaard*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

♪ ♪ “O Praise the Name”

**RECORD OF FELLOWSHIP** *(Please complete the Record of fellowship during the Offering. Located at the ends of the pews)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**All:** Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**DISTRIBUTION**  $\text{♪}$   $\text{♪}$  “Beautiful Saviour” #537  
“No longer Slaves”

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**THE BLESSING**

Pastor: May the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who walks among His churches and holds us in His mighty hand, strengthen you with His radiant presence. May the Father seated upon the throne, holy and majestic, surround you with His sovereign peace and anchor your life in His unshakable glory. May the Spirit of the Living God, the fire before the throne and the breath of new creation, fill you with hope that makes all things new and empower you to live on earth as those who already belong to heaven. And may the blessing of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

$\text{♪}$   $\text{♪}$  “I Love to Tell the Story”



## Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS** - We are delighted that you have joined us this morning. We pray for the Holy Spirit to richly bless your worship with us, and we invite you to join us again. If you are looking for a church home or have any questions, please speak with the Pastor or an Usher. Being a friendly congregation is a priority here at St. Luke. You can help us by leaving your name and address on the Friendship Register when it is passed down your pew. After the blessing at the end of the Service, greet your fellow worshippers and introduce yourself!

**ST. LUKE SERVICES ONLINE** - You can watch us online, every Sunday morning, 11:30 a.m. Go to [sllc.ca](http://sllc.ca) for the link.

**DONATE ONLINE** - [sllcoffering@gmail.com](mailto:sllcoffering@gmail.com) or ask Deb Kroeger for a monthly automatic donation form.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by Larry & Patti Balback.

**A 2026 ALTAR FLOWERS CHART** is posted on the Bulletin Board. Please sign up for your favorite date(s) to provide flowers for the Altar.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** - Listen to The Lutheran Hour, Anytime, Anywhere! Visit [LLL.ca](http://LLL.ca) and listen directly through the Lutheran Hour Canada Radio player. No account, no redirects, no fuss. Tune in at your convenience and share the link with a friend or neighbour who needs to hear the Good News. Visit [LLL.ca](http://LLL.ca) to listen and explore more resources for your faith journey.

**OPPORTUNITY BOARD** - lots of new posts are ready for your helping hand. As always we are grateful for the ongoing support of volunteers.

**FOOD CUPBOARD:** thank you to all who help keep this going. St Luke has provided bags of groceries without question to all who ask. We now have post it notes for anyone to take home and replenish specific needs. Look for a new display in the hallway to see what is needed and take a post it note. If cleaning out your cupboard at home

please check for Best before dates. **GIFT CARDS** are also appreciated.

**SERMON SUMMARY FOR MAY 24 - Worship on Earth as in Heaven** - Revelation 4:1-11. Pentecost celebrates the Spirit who draws the church into the worship of heaven. Revelation 4 lifts the veil so we can see the throne at the center of all things—and learn to order our lives, our worship, and our mission around the One seated there.

**REFUNDABLES** - Since April of last year 2,000 + containers have been turned in to Encore Recycling. Hundreds of dollars have been raised with your generous sharing of your refundable cans, bottles & cartons, including a recent deposit of \$106.95 for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Thank you for continuing to keep these containers out of the landfill and supporting worthwhile causes..

**CLASSROOM ROOF** - the final payment was made May 1st for the new roof over the classrooms and the overhangs. Envelopes for donating toward the unexpected cost will be available for a few more weeks. You can also make a donation through eTransfer or in your normal offering envelop and marked: Roof Replacement. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated toward this to help cushion the blow to our budget.

**ROUND-UP SUNDAY** - Walnut Grove Lutheran Church will be hosting their first Round-Up Sunday on May 24th at 10:30 a.m. St. Luke Lutheran Church are all welcome to join us on this day as we "Round-Up" our family and friends to celebrate community. There will be a hot dog lunch complete with cornbread and a chili cook-off, as well as some entertainment, games and more. Everyone is encouraged to dress in their best western apparel and invite someone new to join in on this fun event. Sign-up for the chili competition is posted on the bulletin board. We hope to see you there! St. Luke Lutheran will be joining us for this Sunday so we've bumped our worship service start time one hour later to 10:30 am.

**THE NEXT LWMLC MISSION PROJECT** before summer is for the "Harvest Hands" ministry. This year our donations will go to support Harvest Hands in the construction of a Maternity Centre in the Batwa community, near Bunyonyi Lake, in Uganda. The funds we

raise will go towards the \$10,000 building cost. If you would like to join us, please mark your offering envelope specifically for "Harvest Hands". At our June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting we will be forwarding the funds collected. God bless your support and prayers for this mission.

 **THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE** 

**TUESDAY** 10:00 a.m. Quilting  
**SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. Worship Service @WGLC

**ST LUKE COMMUNION** - We extend an invitation to our members and guests who:

- confess their sins before God
- earnestly desire, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend their sinful lives.
- are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and are confirmed in this faith.
- believe receiving Christ as true Body and Blood, that the Elements are not merely a symbolic matter.
- believe in salvation by Christ's death and resurrection alone

Unsure - Please speak with the Pastor or an usher. (For those with special needs, grape juice is provided in the center ring on individual tray). See Page 329 in Hymnal for those who wish to question themselves before Communion.

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